

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 2

Introduced by Senator Scott

December 6, 2004

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2— Relative to Arts Education Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 2, as amended, Scott. Arts Education Month.

This measure would proclaim March 2005 to be “Arts Education Month.”

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Arts education, which includes dance, ~~literature,~~
2 music, theatre, ~~and visual arts~~ *literature, visual arts, and*
3 *multimedia*, is an essential part of the basic education necessary
4 to provide balanced learning for all pupils in ~~kindergarten~~
5 *prekindergarten, kindergarten*, and grades 1 to 12, inclusive; and

6 WHEREAS, Arts education is *vital and* necessary to develop
7 the full potential of ~~pupils~~ *young* minds; and

8 WHEREAS, Arts educators recognize that a program of arts
9 education is defined as a comprehensive, balanced, sequential,
10 in-school program of instruction in the arts, taught by qualified
11 teachers, designed to provide pupils of all ages with skills and
12 knowledge in the arts in accordance with high national, state, and
13 local standards; and

14 WHEREAS, The adoption of arts education standards to guide
15 the development and implementation of arts instruction ~~and~~
16 ~~activities~~ facilitates a well-planned arts education program and
17 enhances a pupil's opportunity to develop his or her initiative,

1 creative ability, self-expression, ~~self-evaluation~~, thinking skills,
2 discipline, ~~appreciation of beauty~~, and cross-cultural
3 understanding; and

4 *WHEREAS, For 20 years the State of California, through the*
5 *California Arts Council, has provided support and assistance to*
6 *artists and professional arts service organizations and, in*
7 *partnership with the State Department of Education, provided*
8 *necessary resources to schools; and*

9 WHEREAS, National standards have been adopted for the
10 visual and performing arts; and

11 WHEREAS, For 20 years the State of California has
12 recognized the adopted visual and performing arts framework as
13 the definition of arts education; and

14 ~~WHEREAS, The State of California has adopted state~~
15 ~~standards for the visual and performing arts; and~~

16 WHEREAS, The *professional* arts education associations of
17 the California Dance ~~Educators~~ *Education Association*, the
18 California ~~Music Educators Association~~ *Association of Music*
19 *Education*, the California Educational Theatre Association, the
20 California Arts Education Association, and the California
21 Humanities Association each contribute to the betterment of arts
22 education together and each in their own subject area; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
26 proclaim the month of March 2005 as Arts Education Month, as
27 a symbol of their support to the value that arts education brings
28 to the pupils' education and to ~~the economic development~~ *their*
29 *future contributions as productive citizens* within each
30 community of this state; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of
32 this resolution to each school district in the State of California
33 and to the *professional* arts education associations for their
34 individual action in support of March 2005 as Arts Education
35 Month.